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1	(9742)	Bronze figure of a king, with head dress similar to the large bronze mask bases, but from centre of same projects a ceremonial sword handle, which is finely engraved; in his right hand he holds a ceremonial sword similar to the one illustrated (No. 42), and in the left a curious staff or sceptre, at the top of which is a cup with five projections, each ending with a leopard's head; the handle is ornamented with snakes and the cup with a mask, at the base projects a long bronze nail, 18¾ inches high ...	50	0	0
2	(9794)	Bronze figure, said to represent a queen of Benin, wearing a curious head dress, necklet, armlets, and anklets, standing on a square base, which is decorated with interlaced ornamentation and a bow and arrow in front, 18¾ inches high	45	0	0
3	(9366)	Bronze figure, wearing a head dress ornamented with a snake in front, and dress with engraved decoration, standing on a base and holding his hands upwards with palms outwards, 17 inches high	30	0	0
4	(9795)	Bronze figure, representing a Portuguese soldier of the 17th century firing a flint-lock gun, he is also armed with a sword, two pistols, and a dagger; the figure stands on a square base, which is ornamented with six figures on sides, and on top with two human heads, two flint-lock pistols with bullets for same, a crossbow and a staff or halberd, 17¾ inches high	50	0	0
5	(9772)	Bronze bell, with engraved ornamentation and a mask in relief on the front side, 7¼ inches high, 3¾ inches square	4	0	0
6	(9771)	do. 7½ do. 4¼ do.	5	0	0
7	(9754)	do. 6½ do. 3½ do.	5	0	0
8	(9774)	do. 7¼ do. 3½ do.	4	0	0
9	(9813)	Bronze bell in the form of a mask, one of the oldest specimens found in Benin, 7¾ inches high, 4¼ inches diameter	7	10	0
10	(9773)	Bronze bell with engraved ornamentation and a mask in relief on the front side, 6¾ inches high, 3½ inches square	4	0	0
11	(9497)	Bronze armlet with openwork ornamentation, 5 inches broad	3	10	0
12	(9779)	Ivory armlet of a dark brown colour, finely carved with figures, 4¾ inches broad...	10	0	0
13	(9819)	Bronze armlet with openwork ornamentation, 5¼ inches broad	3	10	0
14	(9818)	Bronze armlet ornamented with four figures, 4¾ inches broad	10	0	0

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15	(9777)	Ivory armlet in two pieces, one carved inside the other but not detachable, and cut out of one piece, carved with figures, &c., a very fine example of old Benin art, 4¾ inches broad	15	0	0
16	(9801)	Bronze armlet ornamented with masks and fish, all finely chiselled and in relief, one of the finest examples of Benin metal work, 5¼ inches broad...	10	0	0
17	(9748)	Bronze mask pendant, 6 inches high, 5 inches broad	5	0	0
18	(9747)	Bronze pendant in the form of a leopard's head with iron eyes and copper spots, 6½ inches high, 4¼ inches broad	7	10	0
19	(9750)	Bronze mask pendant 5¾ inches high, 4½ inches broad	5	0	0
20	(7610)	Bronze mask pendant, 6¾ inches high, 4¼ inches broad	7	10	0
21	(9787)	Bronze pendant in the form of a leopard's head with iron eyes and copper spots, 7¼ inches high, 5¼ inches broad	7	10	0
22	(9786)	Bronze pendant, 7½ inches high, 4 inches broad	7	10	0
23	(9756)	Bronze plaque with figure of a native in relief holding up a shield to protect a leopard which reclines on his right side; the costume consists of a curious head dress, coral necklet with bell attached, and a leopard skin hangs from his shoulders, 20½ inches high, 10 inches broad	20	0	0
24	(9759)	Bronze plaque with a fish in relief holding a smaller one in its mouth; the corners are ornamented with rosettes, 19 inches long, 7 inches high ...	12	10	0
25	(9755A)	Bronze plaque representing a figure of a Portuguese holding a sceptre or halberd in his right hand and a sword in the left; the background is ornamented with engraved decoration and four pieces of ring money in relief, 18 inches high, 14 inches broad	20	0	0
26	(9757)	Bronze plaque representing two natives, one armed with two short swords and the other has been evidently holding something in his hands which has been broken off, 17 inches high, 9½ inches broad	25	0	0
27	(9797)	Ivory fetish with carved human head on top; below the same there is an iron bolt with two movable iron arms attached, 10¼ inches long ...	2	10	0
28	(9806)	Piece of hammered brass ornamented with a crocodile in the centre, probably the mounting from a saddle, 17 by 14¾ inches	2	0	0
29	(9800)	Bronze ceremonial knife; the handle is ornamented on both sides, representing a snake swallowing a man, 10¾ inches long	3	0	0
30	(9805)	Circular plaque of hammered brass, representing a native holding a ceremonial sword, 6¾ inches diameter	2	0	0
31	(9804)	Circular plaque of hammered brass, representing a native holding a wood staff, 6¾ inches diameter	2	0	0
32	(9758)	Bronze plaque, representing a leopard wearing a coral necklet, 7 inches high, 12¾ inches long	12	10	0
33	(9760)	Two bronze female figures holding short ceremonial staffs with birds on top in their left hands, 7½ inches high	7	10	0
34	(9767)	Elephant tusk, elaborately carved with representations of warriors, crocodiles, fish, &c., 72¼ inches long	85	0	0
35	(9831)	Fan of hide partly painted white, 18 inches broad	0	10	0
36	(9766)	Elephant tusk, similar to No. 34, 77½ inches long	80	0	0

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37	(9783)	Carved wood ceremonial staff with rattle at top, 47½ inches long	3	0	0
38	(9785)	do. do. 35½ do.	2	0	0
39	(9784)	do. do. 48½ do.	2	10	0
40	(9744)	Wrought-iron ceremonial sword, with pierced blade, 38¾ inches long, 9 inches broad	20	0	0
41	(9745)	Wrought-iron ceremonial sword, with pierced blade, 25 inches long, 6 inches broad	2	10	0
42	(9466)	Ceremonial sword, with finely engraved bronze handle and wrought-iron blade, which is ornamented with representations of leopards and swords in hammered brass, 45¾ inches long, 10½ inches broad	40	0	0
43	(9746)	Wrought-iron ceremonial sword, with pierced blade, 26½ inches long, 5½ inches broad	2	10	0
44	(9743)	Wrought-iron ceremonial sword, with pierced blade, 38¼ inches long, 8¾ inches broad	2	10	0
45	(9472)	Carved wood mask base; the eyes and tattoo marks on forehead are inlaid with dark hard wood, 14½ inches high	15	0	0
46	(9796)	Carved ivory mask base, with iron eyes, 9½ inches high	7	10	0
47	(9491)	Bronze mask base, with flange at bottom, ornamented with representations of stone adze heads, buffalo heads, &c., 9¾ inches high	25	0	0
48	(9740)	Bronze mask base, 12¼ inches high	25	0	0
49	(9809)	do. with conical head dress, 18½ inches high	35	0	0
50	(9765)	do. with flange at bottom, ornamented with representations of four leopards, frogs, buffalo heads, stone adze heads, &c., exceptionally large specimen, 21½ inches high	45	0	0
51	(9739)	Bronze mask, similar to last but without the leopards, 12¼ inches high ...	30	0	0
52	(9792)	Bronze serpent's head with ornamentation in relief, a fine example of Benin casting, 17¾ inches long, 12½ inches broad	30	0	0
53	(9751)	Bronze figure of a chief holding a wood staff in his right hand and a stone adze head in his left; this specimen is really part of a heavy bronze staff (see No. 3 in Cat. 21), 13 inches high	10	0	0
54	(9768)	Bronze cock, 15¾ inches high	30	0	0
55	(9487)	Bronze plaque representing three figures carrying food and drink, 17½ inches high, 13½ inches broad	40	0	0
56	(9489)	Bronze plaque representing three figures of warriors; two are wearing swords and the other is carrying a circular box, 16½ inches high, 14½ inches broad	40	0	0
57	(8985)	Bronze plaque representing two fish, 17¾ by 6½ inches	10	0	0
58	(9359)	Bronze plaque representing a warrior holding a sword in his right hand and a shield in the left, 16¼ inches high, 15¼ inches broad	20	0	0
59	(9364)	Bronze plaque representing a Portuguese, 16¾ inches high, 7½ inches broad	12	12	0
60	(9752)	Brass ceremonial wand with handle, ornamented with four figures, 29¼ inches long	5	0	0

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61	(9388)	Brass tongs with engraved ornamentation, 24¼ inches long	3	10	0
62	(9807)	Brass ceremonial staff with a bird on top, 12½ inches long	4	10	0
63	(9379)	Executioner's sword with iron blade and brass and copper handle, 35½ inches long	7	10	0
64	(9781)	Brass ceremonial staff with bird on top, 12½ inches long	3	10	0
65	(9504)	Carved wood fetish staff ornamented with two masks, 11 inches long ...	1	0	0
66	(9502)	Bronze figure representing a Portuguese holding a flint-lock gun, probably the top of a wood staff, 5¾ inches high	5	0	0
67	(9380)	Brass ceremonial sword, 27¼ inches long	3	10	0
68	(8988)	Brass leopard with chain attached, used as a pendant, 4 by 2¾ inches ...	5	0	0
69	(9354)	Iron armlet ornamented with four brass masks	1	5	0
70	(9761)	Fragment of a bronze plaque representing a bird, 6½ by 3¼ inches ...	1	0	0
71	(9369)	Bronze pendant representing a figure on horseback, 5 by 6¾ inches ...	7	10	0
72	(9503)	Part of a figure pendant with a frog on the left side	2	0	0
73	(7597)	Bronze mount for war horn ornamented with a leopard and two crocodiles	1	15	0
74	(9623)	Bronze nail, 15¾ inches long...	0	15	0
75	(9381)	Sacrificial knife with iron blade and brass handle, 12 inches long ...	5	0	0
76	(9353)	Copper armlet with brass mask	3	0	0
77	(9361)	Bronze plaque representing a Portuguese with a flint-lock gun, 11¼ inches high, 6¾ inches broad	7	10	0
78	(9470)	Bronze figure, 5 inches high	5	5	0
79	(9500)	Wrought-iron armlet	0	7	6
80	(8786)	Bronze leopard, 3¼ by 5¾ inches	3	3	0
81	(9383)	Carved wood box partly covered with hammered brass, the lid representing two masks; this specimen is very similar in form to the Maori feather boxes, 22½ by 7½ by 6¾ inches	15	0	0
82	(8819)	Carved wood drum standing on two feet (one of which is lost) and covered with hide at each end, which is fastened with cane and wedges; the ornamentation represents a female figure, masks, birds, crocodiles, ring money, &c.	20	0	0
83	(9377)	Hammered brass oval box with ornamentation representing masks, leopards, &c., 21 by 9¾ by 7¾ inches	5	5	0
84	(9374)	Bronze vase ornamented with a cock on top (the head and neck is missing), 11¾ inches high, 6¼ inches diameter	4	0	0
85	(9384)	Carved wood mask base, 13¾ inches high	5	5	0
86	(9385)	Carved wood figure, 9½ inches high	5	0	0
87	(9367)	Bronze figure holding a stone adze in his right hand and a cup in the left, 19¾ inches high	25	0	0
88	(9811)	Bronze bell in the form of a mask, one of the oldest examples of Benin work, 5½ inches high, 3¼ inches diameter	5	0	0

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89	(8801)	Carved wood figure, 21½ inches high	5	0	0
90	(9415)	Bronze figure in the form of a fish and fingers in the form of tentacles, 13 inches high...	20	0	0
91	(9769)	Bronze plaque representing two chiefs, 20¾ inches high, 15 inches wide ...	30	0	0
92	(9478)	Heavy brass anklet worn by women	1	15	0
93	(9386)	Carved wood mirror frame with interlaced ornamentation round sides and a full length figure on top, 29¾ by 15½ inches	7	10	0
94	(9351)	Square brass pendant lamp with chain and hook attached, 5 inches square	5	5	0
95	(9793)	Carved wood box, the top ornamented with fish and the sides with leopards and snakes, 19¼ by 4½ by 2½ inches	3	0	0
96	(7609)	Bronze mask pendant with iron eyes 5¼ by 3½ inches	5	0	0
97	(8838)	Large carved ivory war horn, ornamented with representations of two crocodiles, a snake, and a mask, 53 inches long	40	0	0
98	(9790)	Carved ivory war horn, 7¾ inches long	1	5	0
99	(9788)	Carved ivory war horn, ornamented with representations of four snakes, 10¾ inches long	2	0	0
100	(9350)	Carved wood fetish staff ornamented with four figures, snakes, &c., 38½ inches long	10	0	0
101	(8834)	Carved ivory war horn, ornamented with representations of two crocodiles, two masks, and a snake, 21½ inches long	7	10	0
102	(9670)	Bronze mask pendant, 5¾ by 4½ inches	5	0	0
103	(9791)	Carved ivory fetish, with mask at top, 10½ inches long	1	5	0
104	(8839)	Large carved ivory war horn, 45½ inches long	25	0	0
105	(8828)	Carved ivory war horn, ornamented with representations of a crocodile and a mask, 16¾ inches long	3	10	0
106	(8861)	Carved ivory fetish, 16 inches long	4	4	0
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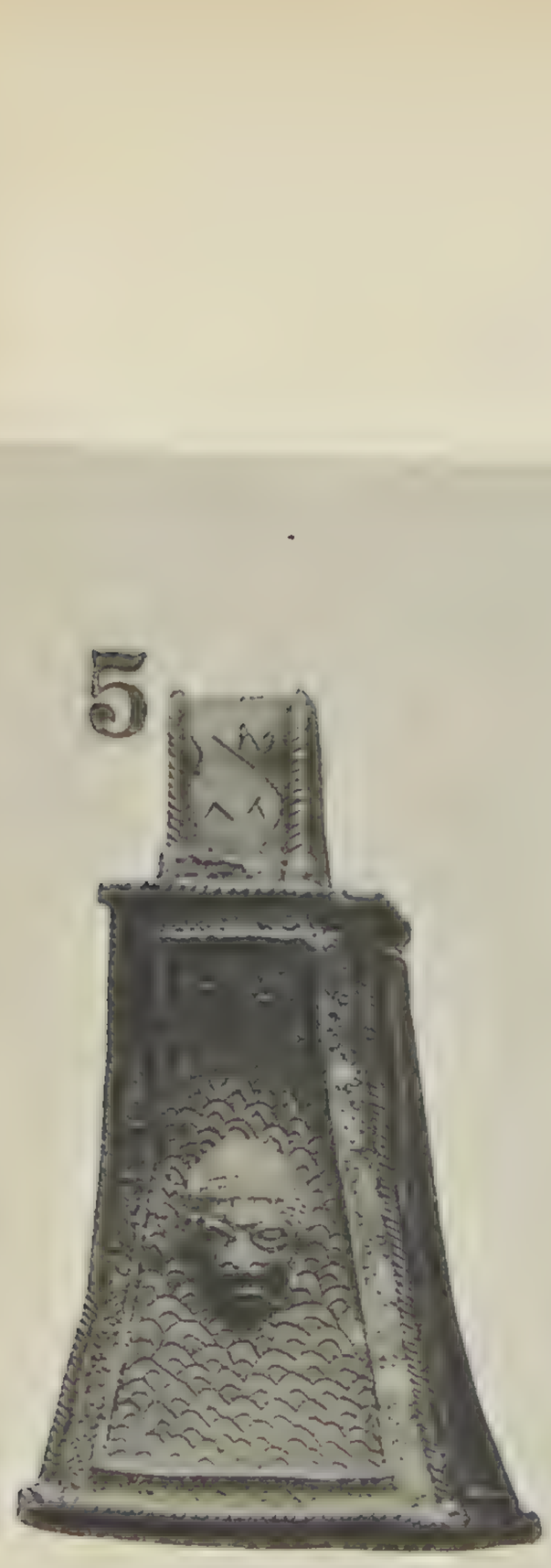
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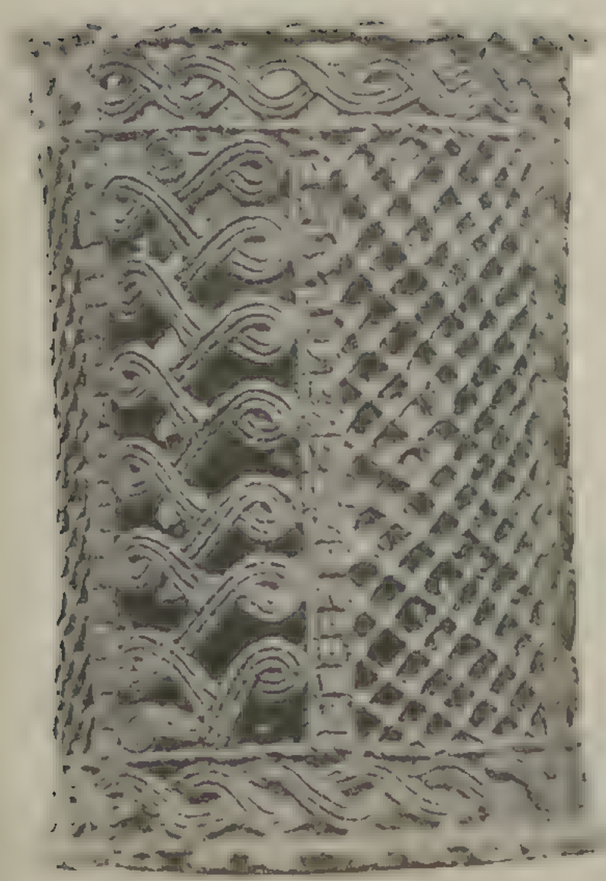

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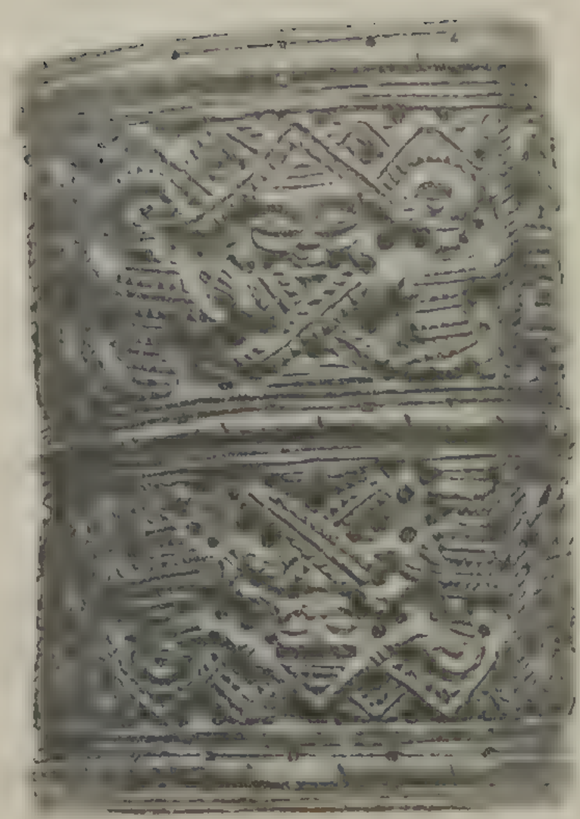

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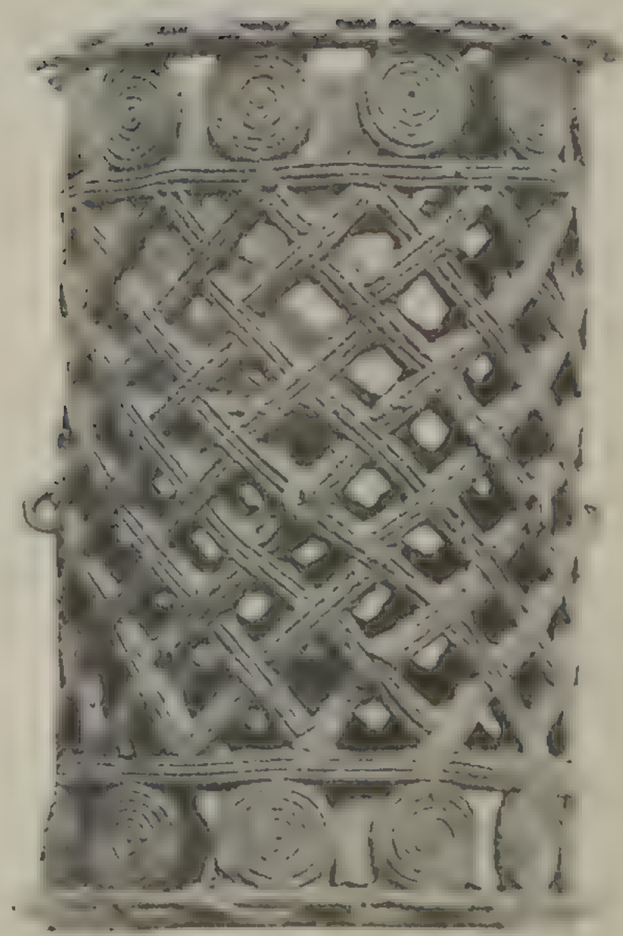

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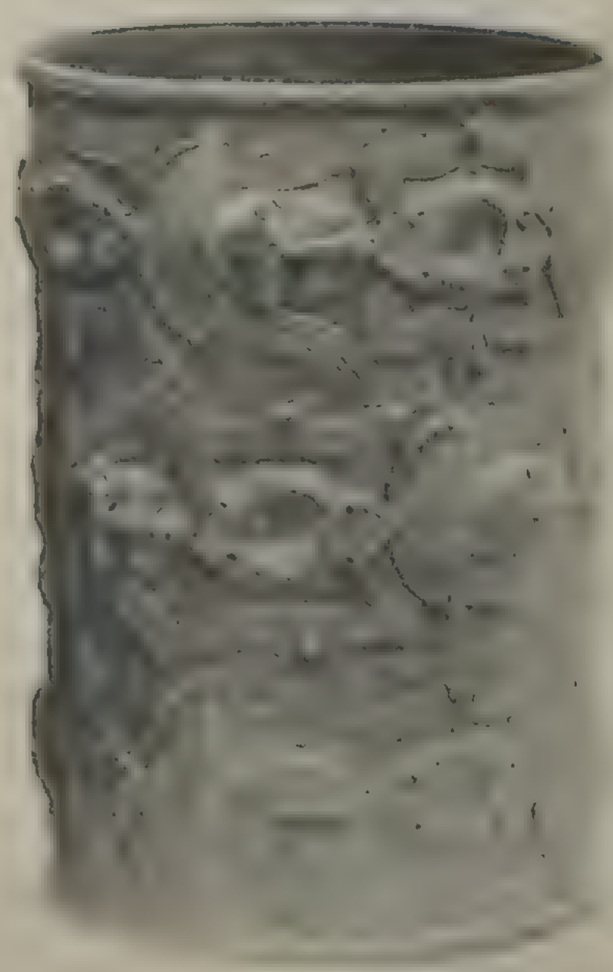

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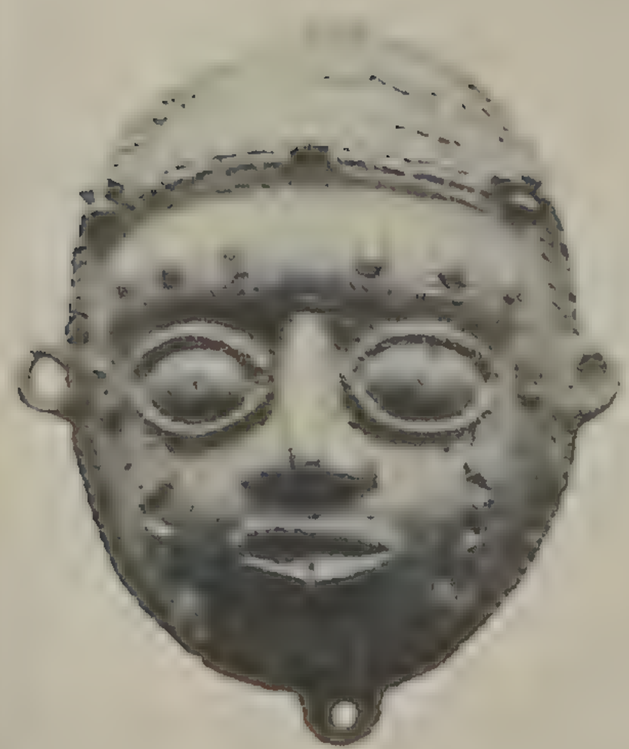

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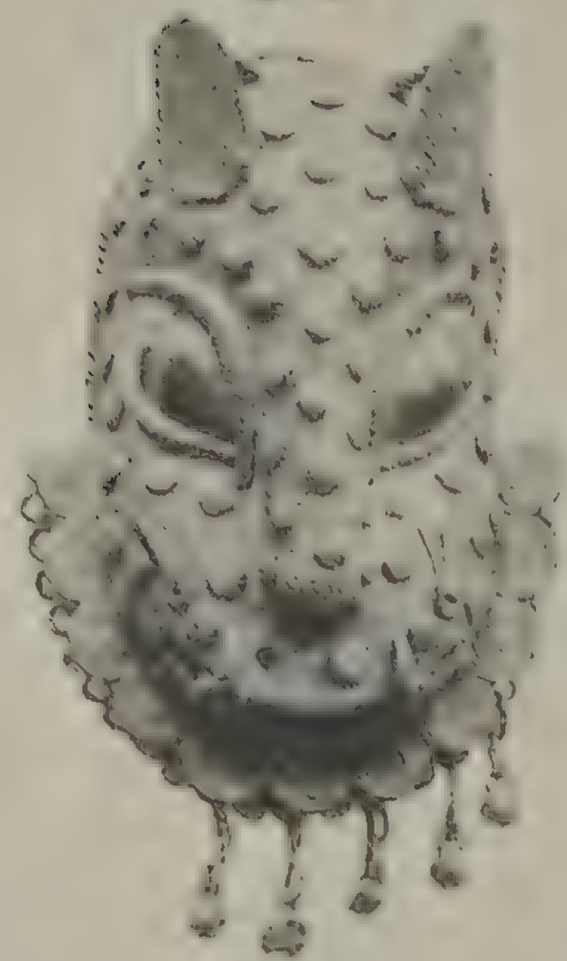

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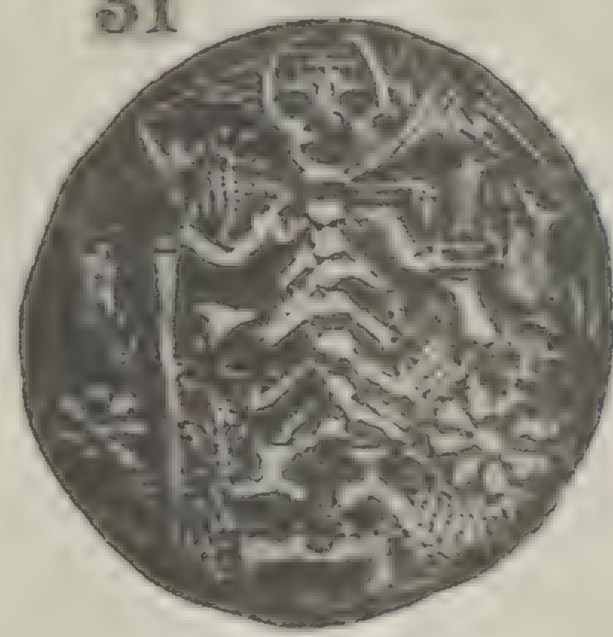

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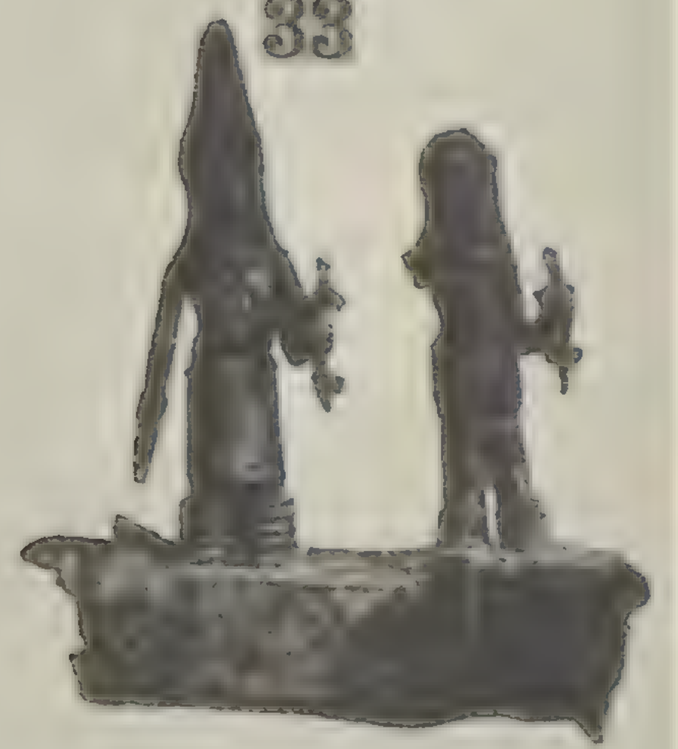

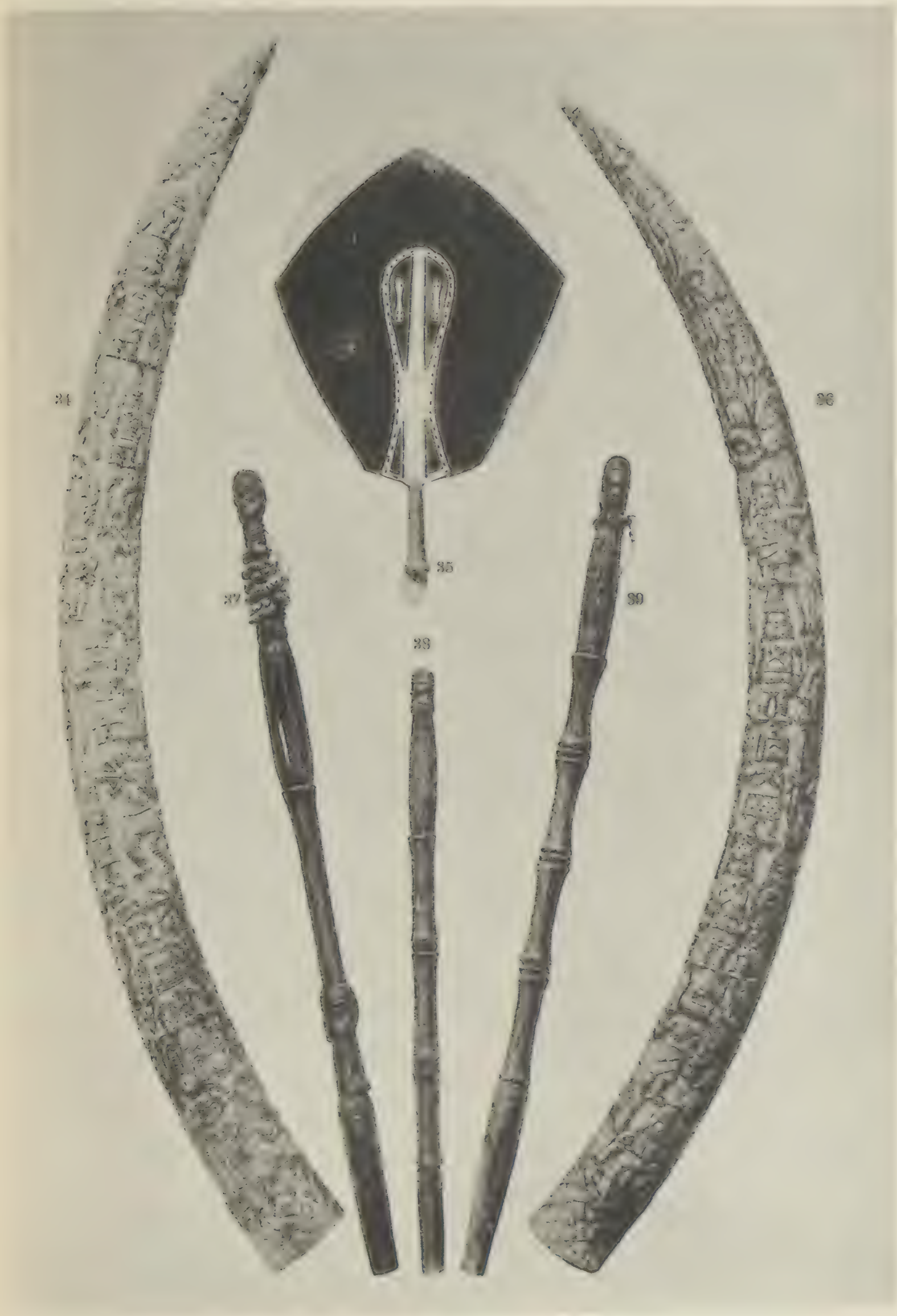
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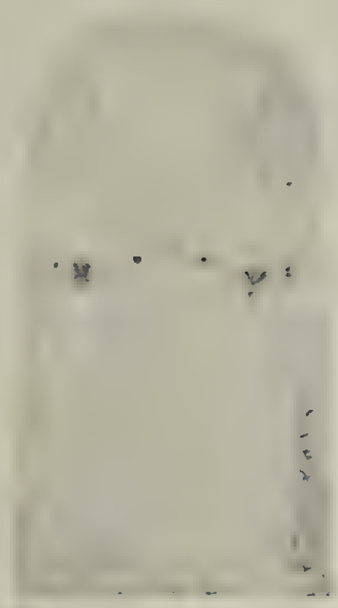

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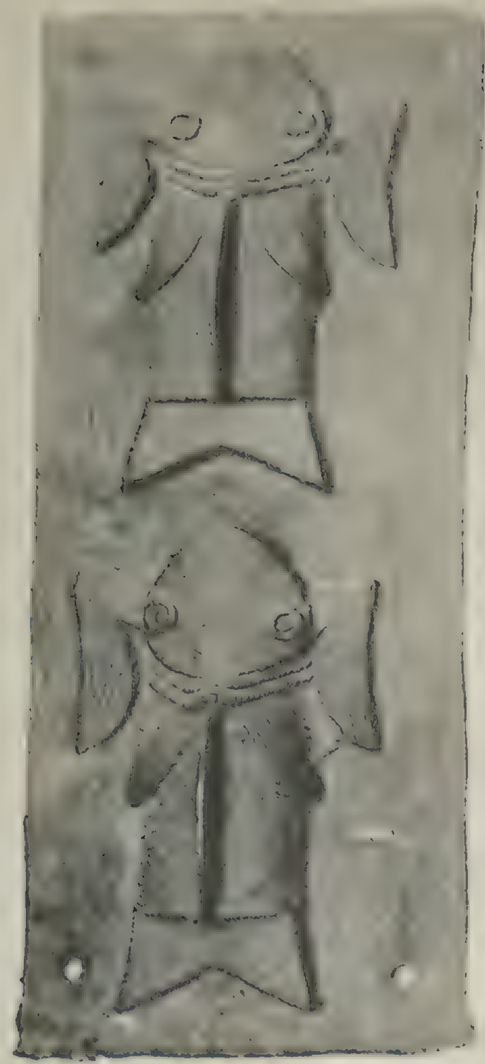

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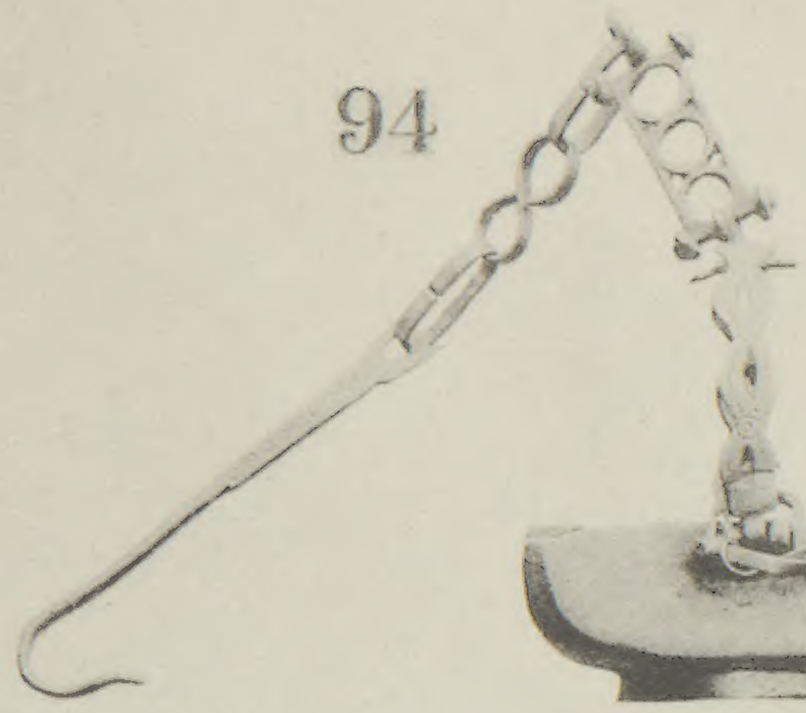

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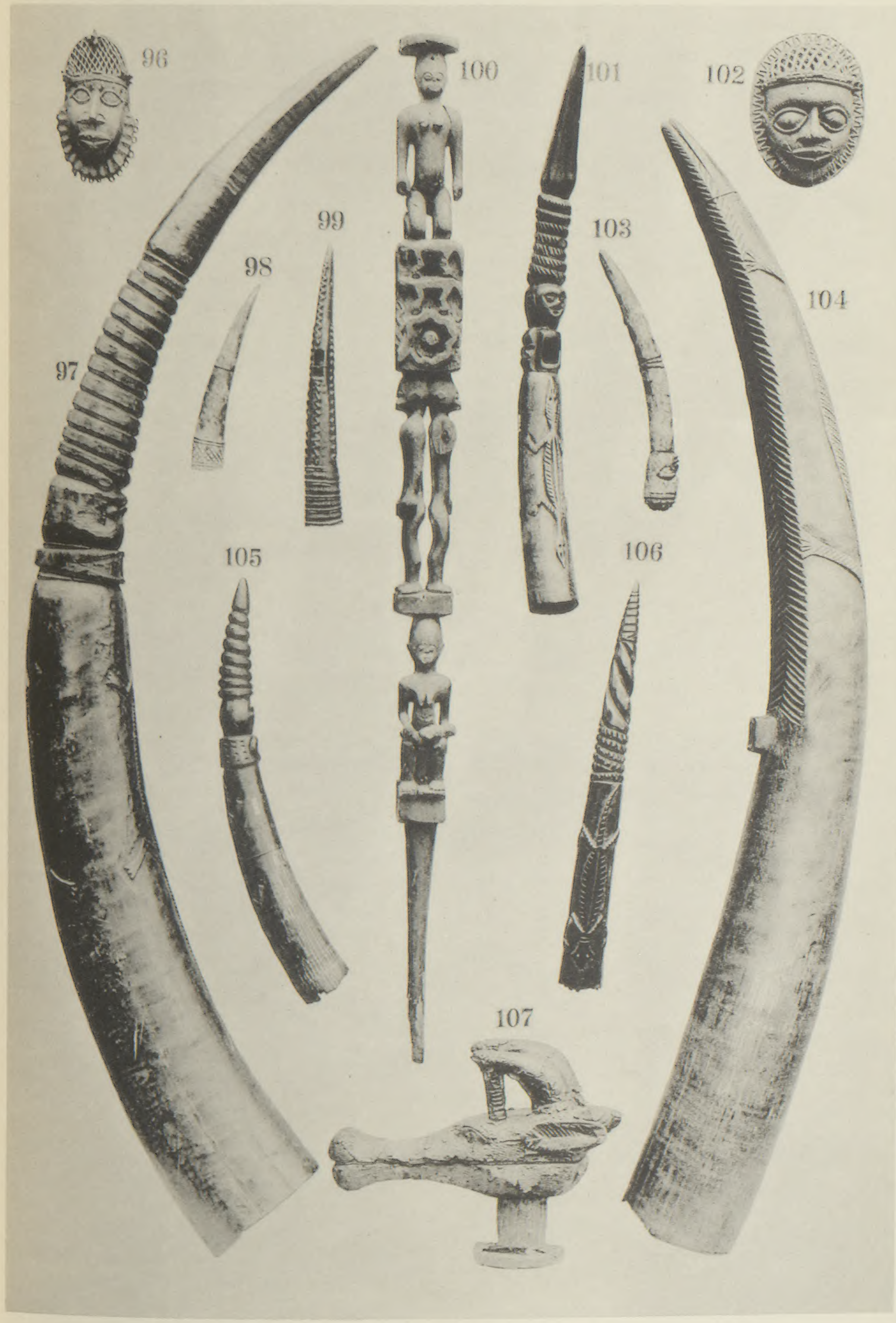
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